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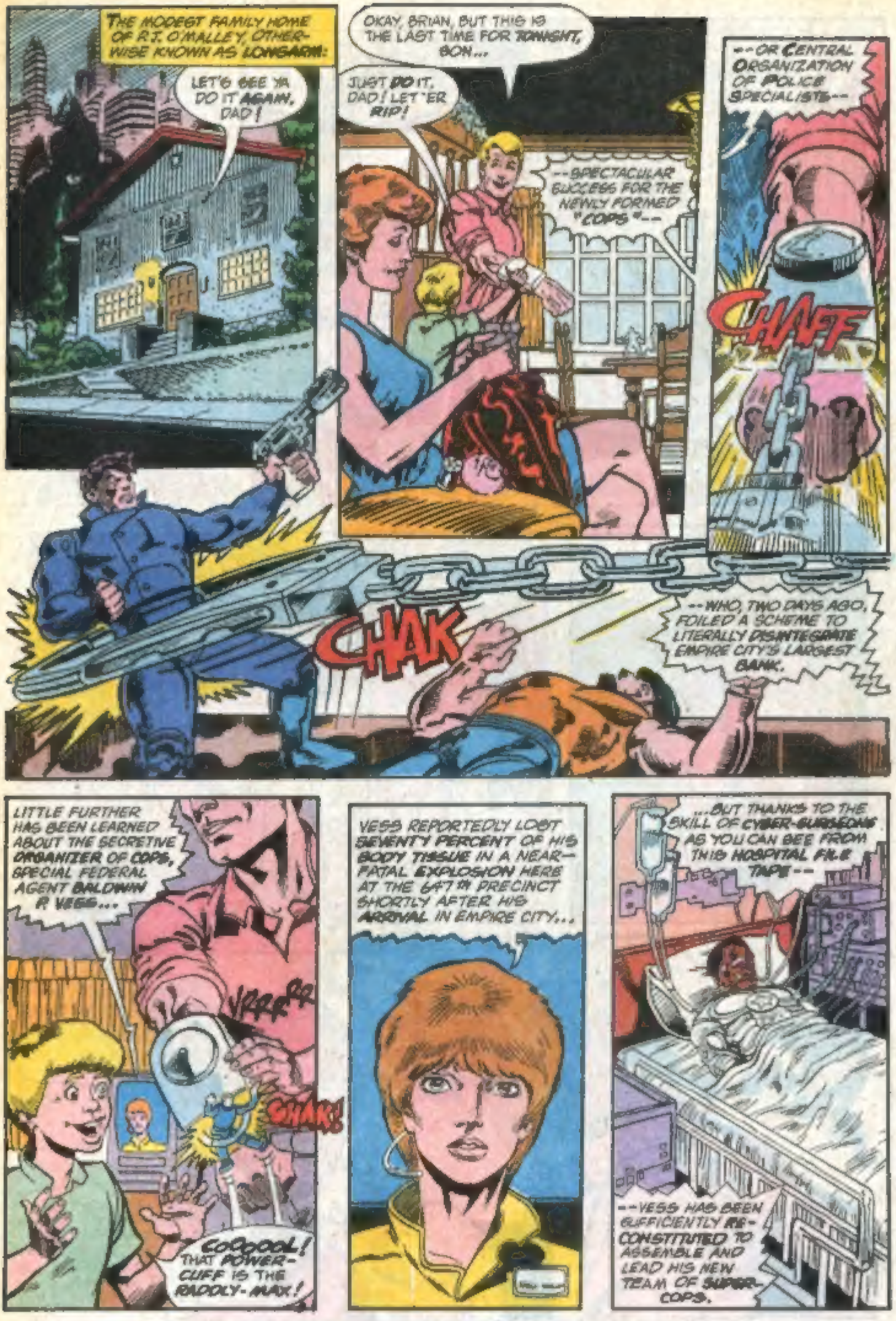
THOSE COPS ARE THE WORST THING TO HAPPEN TO US SINCE THE I.R.S. AND THE DNA I.D. KIT!
THOSE COPS BUSTED OUR PLAY, SEE?--AND WE'RE GONNA BUST THE COPS!
BUT NO MORE O' THAT FANCY BADVIBES HIGH-TECH GARBAGE! THIS TIME WE GET DOWN TO BUSINESS, SEE?
* LIKE LAST MONTH, REMEMBER? --ANDY.
THIS TIME WE EARN OUR TERROR--THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY!
NOW--VESS' LOCATION IS STILL TOP-SECRET...
IN FACT, THE STINKING FED MAY LIVE IN THAT PRECINCT FOR ALL WE KNOW--
--AND BESIDES, HE'S BULLET-PROOF NOW!
BUT AS FOR THE COP WHO ACTUALLY RECRUITED THE NEW COPS...
WELL, BOYS, HE'S STILL VULNERABLE, SEE?
AND ON HIM, WE DO GOT A LOCATION, SEE?
IN SHORT, BOYS, WE GOT US A TARGET, SEE?
NOW GO HIT IT!


THE MODEST FAMILY HOME OF R.J. O'MALLEY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS LONGARM:
LET'S SEE YA DO IT AGAIN, DAD!
OKAY, BRIAN, BUT THIS IS THE LAST TIME FOR TONIGHT, SON...
JUST DO IT, DAD! LET 'ER RIP!
--SPECTACULAR SUCCESS FOR THE NEWLY FORMED "COPS"--
--OR CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF POLICE SPECIALISTS--
CHAFF
CHAK
--WHO, TWO DAYS AGO, FOILED A SCHEME TO LITERALLY DISINTEGRATE EMPIRE CITY'S LARGEST BANK.
LITTLE FURTHER HAS BEEN LEARNED ABOUT THE SECRETIVE ORGANIZER OF COPS, SPECIAL FEDERAL AGENT BALDWIN R VESS...
VRRRRR
CHAK!
COOOOL! THAT POWER-CUFF IS THE RADDLY-MAX!
VESS REPORTEDLY LOST SEVENTY PERCENT OF HIS BODY TISSUE IN A NEAR-FATAL EXPLOSION HERE AT THE 647TH PRECINCT SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN EMPIRE CITY...
...BUT THANKS TO THE SKILL OF CYBER-SURGEONS AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS HOSPITAL FILE TAPE--
--VESS HAS BEEN EFFICIENTLY RE-CONSTITUTED TO ASSEMBLE AND LEAD HIS NEW TEAM OF SUPER-COPS.

Hmph!
THIS IS WHITNEY MORGAN, REPORTING FROM THE 64TH PRECINCT, ONCE KNOWN AS "PURGATORY"--BUT NOW, PERHAPS, A KIND OF COP HEAVEN.
DOUBLE Hmph!
LEAVE IT TO WHITNEY MORGAN TO FOCUS ON THE SURFACE GLAMOR AND NOT GIVE YOU ANY CREDIT AT ALL, DEAR.
WELL, IT WAS VESS' OPERATION ALL THE WAY, LINDA...
I JUST DID THE LEG-WORK WHILE HE WAS IN THE HOSPI-TAL!
WHICH IS WHAT A GOOD COP SHOULD DO, PATRICK!
YES, DAD, I KNOW--"LEGWORK IS THE VERY BASIS OF ALL POLICE WORK, BECAUSE IT GETS RESULTS"...
ALWAYS HAS, PATRICK, ALWAYS WILL--NOT LIKE THIS NEWFANGLED TECHNOLOGY...
...SILLY "POWERCUFF" GIMMS AND--
I AGREE, DAD, AND I'M TRYING TO UPHOLD THE HEART AND SOUL OF THE OLD COP TRADITIONS...
...BUT IF THE CROOKS ARE MOVING AHEAD--AND THEY ARE, DAD, BELIEVE ME--THEN WE'VE GOT TO KEEP UP WITH THEM.
TIMES CHANGE.
PSHAW! THIS UPPITY FED VESS IS TURNING YOUR BRAIN INTO COMPUTERIZED MUSH!
A FEW DAYS WITH HIM AND YOU'VE FORGOTTEN A LIFETIME OF EVERYTHING I'VE TAUGHT YOU! IN MY DAYS ON THE FORCE, WE DIDN'T NEED--
PLEASE, DAD, DON'T BE JEALOUS OF B.P. VESS--FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, THE JEALOUSY IS MISPLACED--AND SECOND, VESS IS A GOOD MAN.

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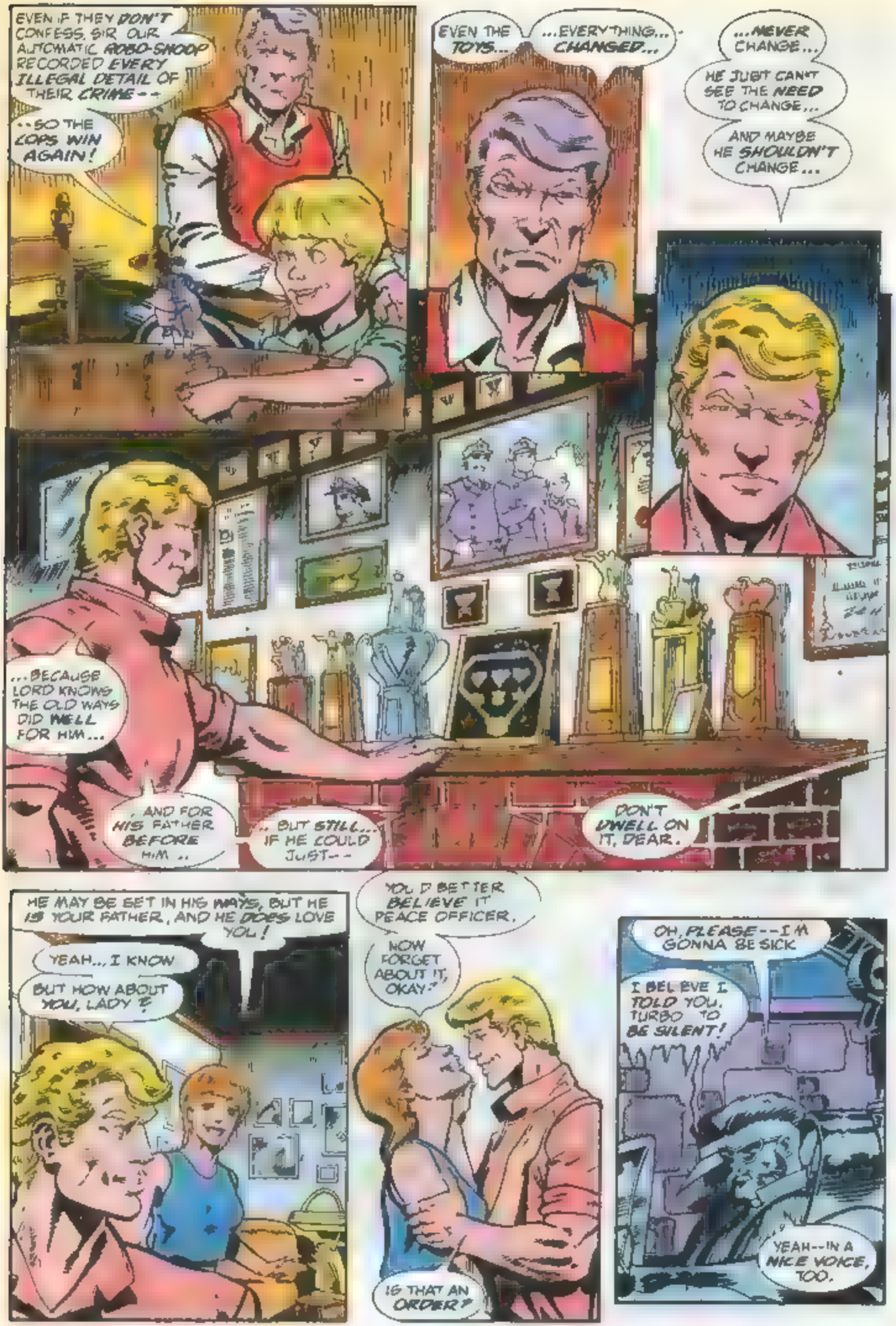
UH, WHY DON'T YOU GO PLAY WITH YOUR TOYS, BRIAN?
YEAH, SURE, MOM--ALL GRAMPS AND DAD ARE GONNA DO IS ARGUE, AGAIN ANYWAY.
SO IT'S OFF TO JAIL FOR YOU AND YOUR HYPNO-RAYS, EVIL-EYES!
A "GOOD MAN," HUH?
FROM WHAT I SAW ON THE VID-NEWS, HE'S MORE MACHINE THAN MAN!
OH, COME ON, DAD!
NO AMOUNT OF CYBORG PROSTHETICS CAN CHANGE A MAN'S SOUL!
YESS IS HARDENED NOW, YES, BUT HE'S STILL THE SAME MAN--JUST AS YOU'D BE THE SAME MAN EVEN IF YOU BROKE DOWN AND GOT THE NEW LEGS I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT!
WE CAN'T AFFORD IT!
I TOLD YOU--THE FORCE WILL HELP WITH A PENSION LOAN!
I DON'T WANT NEW "LEGS"!
WHY NOT? ARE YOU AFRAID TO WALK AWAY FROM THAT CHAIR?
MICHAEL O'MALLEY IS AFRAID OF NOTHING!
FORTY YEARS ON THE FORCE AND I WAS NEVER AFRAID OF ANYTHING, DO YOU HEAR?!
BUT I'M A MAN--NOT A MACHINE!
I WAS BORN WITH THESE LEGS AND I'LL DIE WITH 'EM!
ALL RIGHT, BE A STUBBORN OLD MAN TRAPPED IN THE PAST! BUT THE NEXT TIME THE BATTERIES IN THAT CHAIR RUN DOWN--
--DON'T ASK ME TO CHANGE THEM!

THERE IT IS, BUTTONS.
THAT'S THE DUMP...
...RIGHT...
...THERE.
POKT
BOOM BOOM BOOM! CHADOW! CH-CHOOM! ALL RIGHT, WE GOT YA COVERED IN THERE! COME ON OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!
SPAT
LOOK OUT! HE'S GOT A ZAPPER!
DON'T WORRY--THE NEW AVRBEAM-LASER HIDDEN IN MY BADGE WILL MELT IT TO SLAG!
YEEEZHT!
AUGH!
THAT TOOK CARE OF HIM! MOVE IN, MEN!
WAP
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT!
LISTEN TO THAT--HIS KID'S WARPED ALREADY!
HE THINKS PLAYIN' A COP IS BETTER'N BEIN' A CROOK!
QUIT TALKING TO YOURSELF AND DON'T WAKE ME UNLESS O'MALLEY LEAVES.
SURE, BUTTONS, SURE, BUT I JUST CAN'T GET OVER THE SURVEILLANCE ON THIS BRAT KID...
ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST YOU...


EVEN IF THEY DON'T CONFESS, SIR OUR AUTOMATIC ROBO-SNOOP RECORDED EVERY ILLEGAL DETAIL OF THEIR CRIME--
--SO THE COPS WIN AGAIN!
EVEN THE TOYS...
...EVERYTHING... CHANGED...
...NEVER CHANGE...
HE JUST CAN'T SEE THE NEED TO CHANGE...
AND MAYBE HE SHOULDN'T CHANGE...
...BECAUSE LORD KNOWS THE OLD WAYS DID WELL FOR HIM...
...AND FOR HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM...
...BUT STILL... IF HE COULD JUST--
DON'T DWELL ON IT, DEAR.
HE MAY BE SET IN HIS WAYS, BUT HE IS YOUR FATHER, AND HE DOES LOVE YOU!
YEAH... I KNOW
BUT HOW ABOUT YOU, LADY?
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT PEACE OFFICER.
NOW FORGET ABOUT IT, OKAY?
IS THAT AN ORDER?
OH, PLEASE--I'M GONNA BE SICK
I BELIEVE I TOLD YOU, TURBO TO BE SILENT!
YEAH--IN A NICE VOICE, TOO.

MORNING!
GREAT BREAKFAST, LINDA BUT DON'T WAIT DINNER-- DONNY AND I ARE PULLING LATE SHIFT.
OH, NOT AGAIN, YOU POOR DEAR-- TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
PATRICK BEFORE YOU GO...
YES DAD?
YO, DAD! DONNY'S HERE -- IN THE COOL CAR!
BE THERE IN A MINUTE, BRIAN.
ABOUT HOW I CARRIED ON LAST NIGHT... NOT THAT I'M TAKING ANY OF IT BACK... BUT
I UNDERSTAND DAD, AND I'M NOT TAKING ANY OF IT BACK EITHER, BECAUSE BIP VEGG IS A GOOD MAN .. BUT YOU'RE STILL THE BEST DARN COP I'VE EVER KNOWN.
THANK YOU PATRICK. TH-THANK YOU
NOW GET GOING BOY A GOOD COP IS NEVER LATE, YOU KNOW.
AIN'T IT THE COOLEST CAR DAD?
ISN'T SON
NOW I'LL BE LATE TONIGHT SO YOU'RE IN CHARGE RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY DAD I'LL MAKE YA PROUD OF ME --
--BY BEEIN' THAT NOTHIN' BAD HAPPENS TO MOM OR GRAMPS!
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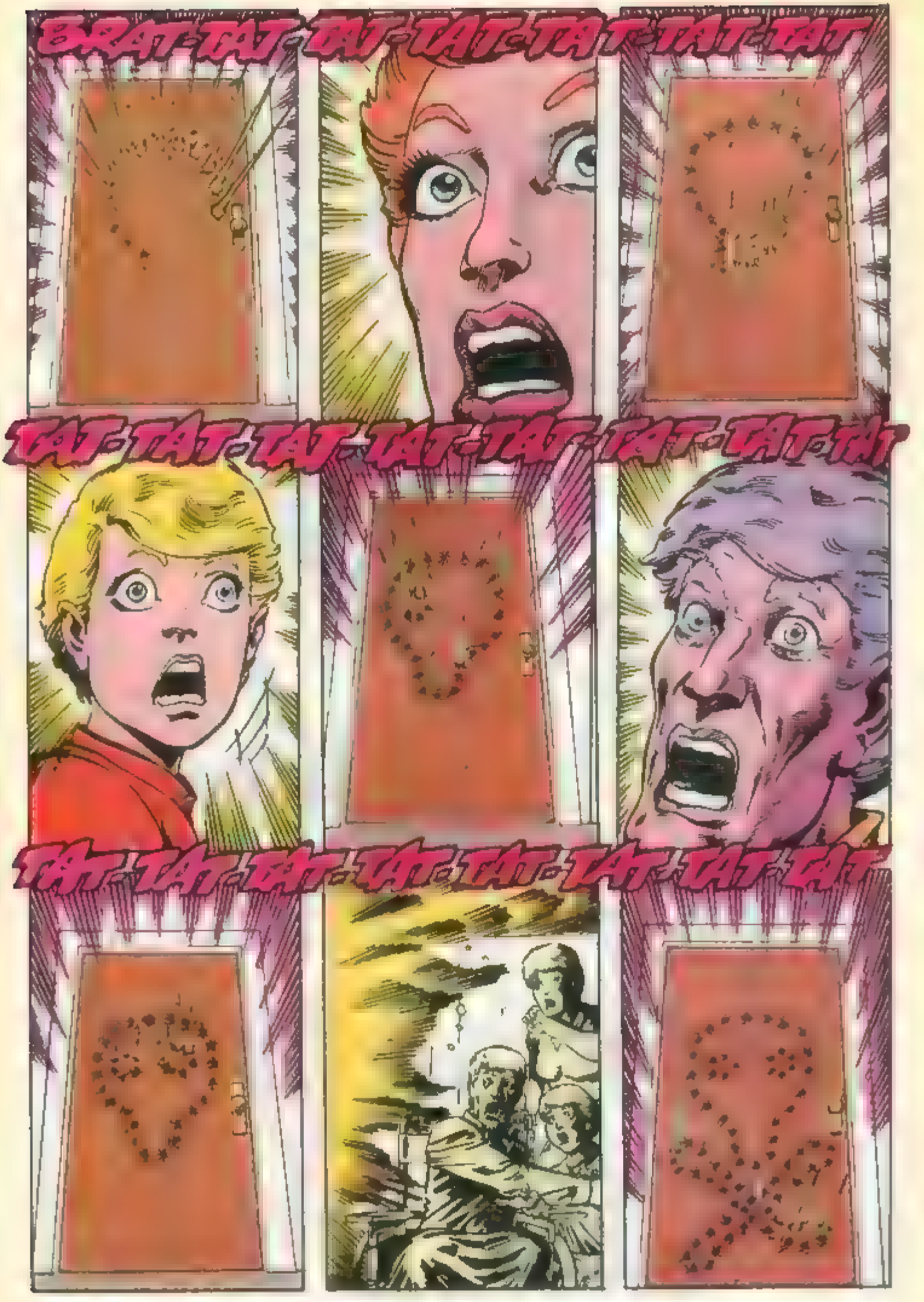
SOMETHING WRONG, P.J.?
NO NOT A THING, DONNY.
THEN WHY DO YOU LOOK SO CHOKED UP?
YOU EVER GET YOURSELF A FAMILY KID YOU'LL LEARN THERE'S A LOT MORE TO HAPPINESS THAN SIMPLE SMILES!
DON'T FORGET TO EAT, DEAR.
BYE, DAD!
AND EASY ON THE HOT-RODDING, OKAY? LET'S MAKE THIS A NICE PEACEFUL DAY.
OKAY BUTTONS HE'S GONE - SO HOW DO WE PLAY IT?
ON THE WOLMI, BUT ONLY AFTER DARK -- WHEN I GO IN ALONE, TO WELCOME THE NIGHT...
WITH A SPIRITED TUNE.
AT THE 64TH PRECINCT, THE DAY PASSES..
THOUGHT WE MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME TODAY O'MALLEY TO BRIEF YOU ON RECENT ADVANCES AND IMPROVEMENTS...
BULLSEYE'S NEW CHOPPER FOR EXAMPLE CODENAMED "AIR RAID" - IS BEING FITTED WITH A CONCEALED CYLINDER WHICH RELEASES IONIZED PARTICULATES..
...AN ARTIFICIAL "CAMOUFLAGE CLOUD," WHICH WILL TEND TO CLING AROUND THE METAL OF THE CHOPPER ITSELF!
THE CLOUD THEREFORE GOES WHEREVER AIR RAID GOES!
UH-HUH
DON'T SCRATCH HER.

AND ON THE BOWSER AND BLITZ FRONT WE'VE IMPROVED THE COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN MAN AND, eh, "DOG"
ROWF!
WHATEVER ACTION BOWSER THINKS... BLITZ EXECUTES.
M-hmm.
GOOD BOY, BLITZ!
THIS NEW "GLUEBALL-GUN"--THE GLUGER--HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCAPACITATING PERPETRATORS WITHOUT HARMING THEM, OR EVEN RENDERING THEM UNCONSCIOUS...
THEREBY FACILITATING IMMEDIATE INTERROGATION!
SPLOK
THE TENSILE STRENGTH OF EACH INDIVIDUAL GLUE-STRAND HAS A RATING OF 99 97.
HMM
AND SINCE THE GLUGER IS NOW STANDARD ISSUE, O'MALLEY, YOU MAY AS WELL TAKE THIS ONE

WELL? SOMETHING EATING AT YOU?
JUST ALL THESE NEW GADGETS AND GIZMOS, SIR!
HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU THAT IN RELYING ON ALL THIS TECHNOLOGY, WE MAY BE OVERLOOKING THE BASICS OF POLICE WORK?
IN COPS, LONGARM WE OVERLOOK NOTHING.
IS THAT UNDERSTOOD? NOTHING.
YES, SIR!
YO, UNCLE BOGG!
WHERE YA WANT YOUR NEW DESK?
WHERE DO YOU THINK, DEAR BERGERKO? MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TAPING IT TO THE CEILING THIS TIME?
GEE, I DUNNO IF TAPED WORK ON THIS WOOD, UNC, IT'S KINDA THICK!
YEAH-- REAL THICK
NIGHT!
WAKE UP BUTTONS-- IT'S DARK.
AND LIKE A COBRA, SLOWLY UNCOILING MC BOOMBOOM STIRS FROM SLEEP.. AND REACHES FOR HIS VIOLIN CASE...
INDEED IT IS DARK, TURBO... WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME TO--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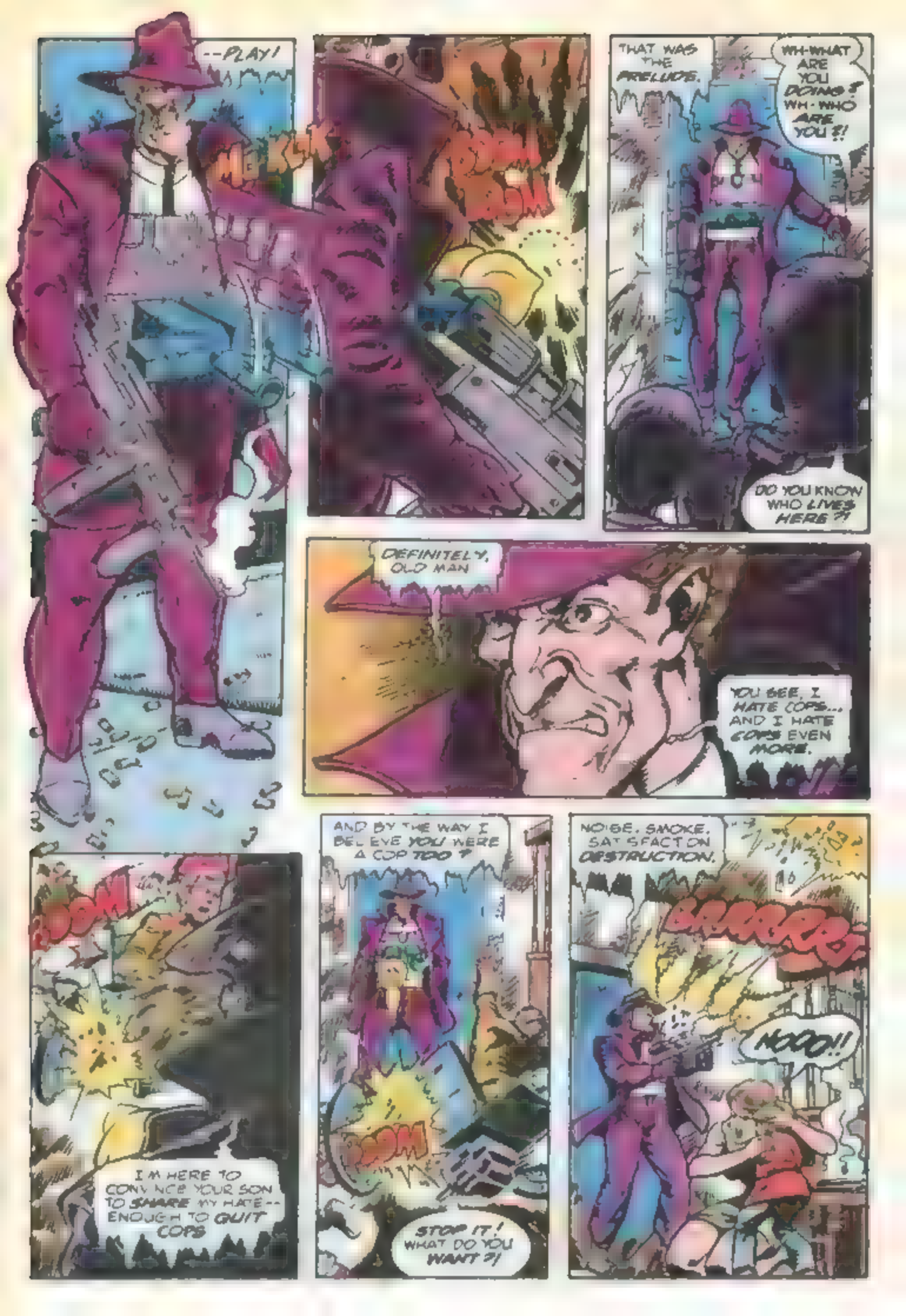
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BOOM
BOOM
THAT WAS THE PRELUDE.
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WH-WHO ARE YOU?!
DO YOU KNOW WHO LIVES HERE?!
DEFINITELY, OLD MAN
YOU SEE, I HATE COPS... AND I HATE COPS EVEN MORE.
BOOM
I'M HERE TO CONVINCE YOUR SON TO SHARE MY HATE-- ENOUGH TO QUIT COPS
AND BY THE WAY I BELIEVE YOU WERE A COP TOO?
BOOM
STOP IT! WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
NOISE. SMOKE. SATISFACTION. DESTRUCTION.
BAAAAAM!
NOOO!!

STOP IT! I WON'T LET YOU KILL MY MOM!
BA-BOOM!
I WON'T I WON'T!
I DON'T KILL ON HOUSECALLS LIKE THIS, BRAT--I DO SOMETHING A LOT WORSE!
BRIAN!
I LET MY VICTIMS LIVE--TO FEEL THE FEAR!-
--TO WAIT AND WONDER WHEN I MIGHT COME BACK!
I SHOW HOW FRAGILE AND BREAKABLE THEIR LIVES ARE! I TAKE AWAY EVERYTHING A MAN HAS--EVERY PRECIOUS POSSESSION--AND I LET HIM THINK ABOUT THAT! I DESTROY DREAMS AND SHATTER MEMORIES!
BUT I DON'T KILL... I JUST LEAVE LIVES... IN WRECKAGE!
GOOD EVENING!
--ALWAYS FEEL SO WRECKED AFTER A LATE SHIFT, PJ
THEN STOP HOT-RODDING, DONNY, AND--
DONNY? THIS IS MAINFRAME--WE HAVE A TWELVE-FORTY...

SO WHY SQUAWK US ABOUT IT MAINFRAME 2 AFTER DOUBLE-SHIFTS WE ARE DEFINITELY OFF-DUTY.
THE ADDRESS, DONNY, IT'S P.J.'S.
MMMM
FASTER, DONNY! DRIVE LIKE HELL!
"--ALL THE EARMARKS OF THE ONE THEY CALL BUTTONS AT BOOMBOOM--
WIFE AND SON ARE SHAKEN UP BUT UNHARMED..."
THEY'RE IN THE BEDROOM..
..BUT WE DIDN'T WANT TO MOVE YOUR FATHER UNTIL THE AMBULANCE GOT HERE!
DIDN'T KNOW ANY THING COULD BE LIKE THAT!
DAD!
..LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD.. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I WAS.. B-BORED...
I'M SORRY I WAS TOO LATE, DAD BUT THE AMBULANCE IS COMING!
M-MAYBE WHILE I'M IN THE HOSPITAL, I SHOULD LET THEM--
NO, DAD I'LL GET YOU A NEW CHAR!
JUST GOT HIM BACK... AND WE'LL EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT...
..EVERYTHING.
DON'T WORRY, DA
I'LL MAKE YOU PROUD OF ME!

--UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, O'MALLEY BUT IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LET YOU GO AFTER BUTTONS ALONE--
--NOT WHEN WE'VE GOT THE FINEST COPS IN THE WORLD GATHERED AROUND US.
FOR GOD'S SAKE, MAN YOU'VE HELPED ASSEMBLE THE TEAM!
THIS IS PERSONAL, VESS AND I'VE GOT TO DO IT MY WAY!
THE OLD WAY?
ANY WAY IT TAKES-- AS LONG AS IT'S DONE BY ME!
I DON'T LIKE THIS O'MALLEY AND EVEN IF I AGREED... YOU'D HAVE TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE COP AS STANDARD-REG BACK-UP.
THEN I'LL TAKE DONNY.
HARDTOP--? LOOK O'MALLEY DONNY BROOKS IS A GOOD MAN--
--BUT OF ALL THE COPS HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO'S STILL A ROOKIE
HE'S ALSO THE ONLY ONE WHO'S MY PARTNER.
JUST GOT SOME-THING. B.P.-- FROM THE WATERFRONT PRECINCT...
SOME STOOLIE SPILLED THAT BUTTONS IS HANG-ING OUT ON THE DOCKS-- PLACE CALLED
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MM-H

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WEENIES
THEY DID!
"IT'S A GAME, DONNY. THE COPS SHUT IT DOWN, THE CROOKS PAY A FINE, AND HELL OPENS FOR BUSINESS AGAIN... BUT THIS TIME--
ROLL BONES, ROLL!
"--IT'S OUR MOVE."
BWAK
BWAK
POLICE!
FREEZE!!
THAT "VIOLIN" OF YOURS JUST WENT OUT OF TUNE, BUTTONS!
BWAM
BUT SINCE YOU INSIST ON OPENING YOUR HEART TO ME--
AHH!
SPLIK
--MEET THE BLUDGER!

HARDTOP! YOU GO AFTER TURBO..
SCREECH
"BECAUSE BUTTONS IS MINE!"
CLEAR THE STAIRS, GEEK!
TURBO MAKES IT TO HIS CAR--FORCING A HIGH-SPEED CHASE ALONG THE PIER!
BRAM BRAM BRAM
GOOD!
LONGARM REACHES THE TOP OF THE STAIRS..
BWAK
THAT DOOR ACROSS THE STOREROOM... SLIGHTLY OPEN.
PIER'S TOO NARROW TO OVERTAKE HIM--HAVE TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE...
KRAKOWW
FREEZE, BUTTONS!
ALL RIGHT COP, YOU GOT ME.. DON'T SHOOT!
HANDS OUT FOR THE CUFFS, BUTTONS
YEAH SURE, SURE-- COME ON AND..

...GET IT!
WHAK!
AFTER WHAT YOU DID TO MY FAMILY, SLIME--
... I WAS HOPING YOU'D DO THAT TO ME!
SPUNG!
GUH-H!
AND I WAS HOPING YOU'D DO THAT, COPPER!
YOU SEE NOW OUR POSITIONS ARE REVERSED...
..AND YOU'RE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROOM!
WHAT THE--?!
I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS SCENE
THE COP BEHIND BARS..
...WHILE THE CROOK SAUNTERS OFF SCOT--
GRUFF

--FREE?
GLEGG AGAIN!
UHMF!!
WUMP
YAHH! NO!! HOW COULD I BE SO STUPID?!
AARRRRRR
WITH SCUM LIKE YOU, IT'S IN THE GENES--RIGHT NEXT TO THE CRUELTY CHROMOSOME!
OUAWGH!! L-LEMME GO! I'LL DO ANYTHING!
GOOD TO HEAR AND I'LL GIVE YOU A CHOICE! YOU CAN EITHER CRAWL BACK TO THAT BUTTON AGAIN..OR YOU CAN BE A WISHBONE FOR YOUR OWN LAST WISH--
--WHICH I ASSURE YOU, WILL NOT COME TRUE!!
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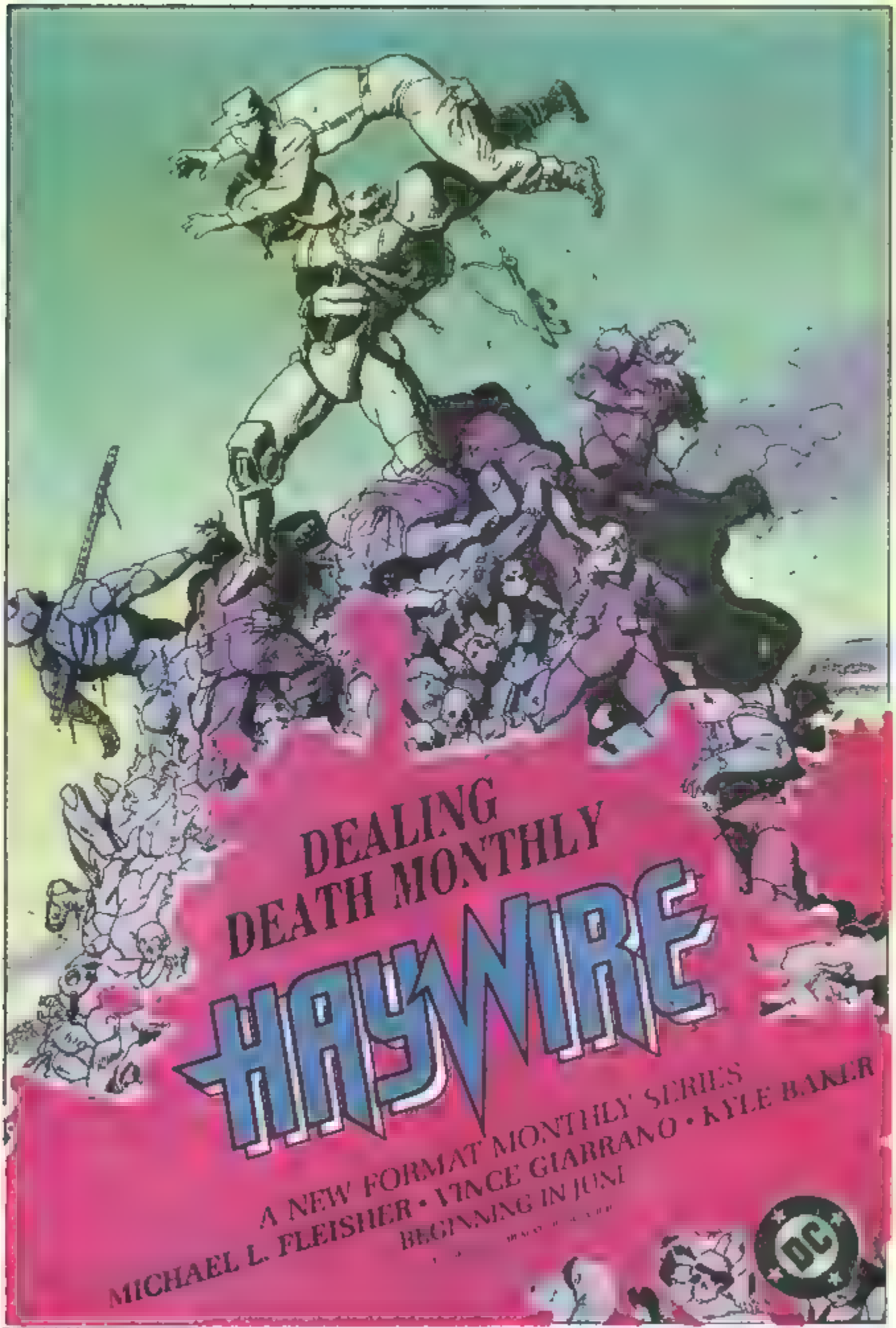

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ALL RIGHT... I'M HITTING THE BUTTON... NOW WILL YOU TAKE THAT THING OFF MY ANKLE?
I'M AFRAID NOT...
YAAHHH!
K-SNKT
YOU SEE, I ACTUALLY WANTED MORE THAN ONE BUTTON...
CHUNK!
I WANTED YOU, BUTTONS.
HEY! LEGGO! LEMME DOWN!
AND IF YOU EVER GET OUT OF STIR, DON'T COME NEAR MY FAMILY AGAIN...
... OR MY WISH WILL COME TRUE!
OUTSIDE:
DONNY--2 HARDTOPS--?
BUT LONGARM'S PARTNER IS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN...
INSTEAD THERE IS ONLY TURBO--ROARING DOWN THE NARROW PIER LIKE SOME DEMON IN A CHARIOT SHOT FROM HELL.
HE'S COMING RIGHT AT ME! NOT ME TO GET OUT OF THE WAY!

BUT AT THE VERY LAST SECOND!
THOUGHT THAT HEAP OF YOURS WAS FAST, huh TURBO!
HAH!
CREEEK
KARAM
AND YOU, P.J.... WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT HOT-RODDING?
PLOOSH
EPILOGUE:
YOU... LOST... THE CAR?
GRRRR-EE-EE!
uh...Y-YEAH, BIG BOSS...
...AND uh... BUTTONS TOO, I THINK!
THOSE COPS! I HATE 'EM!
KA-BRATCH!
I'PROUD OF YOU.. S-SON...
ME TOO, DAD BUT I KNEW THE COPS WOULD WIN IN THE END.
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When Vess was caught investigating mob activity in Empire City, a bomb blast engineered by a henchman of The Big Boss destroyed three-fourths of his body. Advanced cybernetic techniques and microsurgery maintained Vess's life as his torso was patched back together in a stainless steel casing that controls his life functions, a casing that gave him his new codename—Bulletproof.

Vess, at first glance, seems aloof and distant, seldom joining others in social situations. However, his friends realize that Vess is not "stand-offish"; rather, his fine criminological mind is always preoccupied with whatever puzzle is at hand. Vess's eyes are always hidden behind what appears to be dark glasses but are actually miniature computer screens that instantly provide data on all criminal activity of any suspect he may encounter.

P.J. O'Malley: LONGARM

A patrol officer with ECPD (Empire City Police Department), Longarm brandishes specially powered handcuffs. He is the acting commanding officer of the C.O.P.S. team.

Though Longarm comes from a long line of Irish police officers, his dedication to rules and regulations is tempered with the "street knowledge" he's picked up over the years as a beat cop. His reputation as being tough but fair has become legend across Empire City, and he has turned many a young thug away from a potential life of crime and toward a productive life-style. O'Malley is quite a storyteller as well and returns home each night to share the events of the day with his wife and young son.

Colt Howards: MACE

Mace is an ex-recon Marine who brings his guerrilla-warfare style to the jungle of Empire City.

Sgt. Mace was once Philadelphia's "one-man S.W.A.T. team." A hard-nosed, "by the book" cop, Mace is an expert with a veritable arsenal of specialized weaponry, particularly high-energy lasers. Because of his military background, Mace's methodical strategies are always planned down to the last detail, though he is not always especially subtle, being a self-proclaimed "bull in a china shop." Mace is generally seen less often than other C.O.P.S. officers ... for, by the time he is called into action, the situation has become pretty desperate.

Hugh S. Sikorsky: JET STREAM

Jet Stream gives a unique perspective to the C.O.P.S. squad as the pilot of a jet helicopter with which he performs regular aerial reconnoiters.

A former Army attack chopper pilot, Jet Stream was transferred from the Miami Police Department to Empire City, where he became the chief surveillance officer of the city's copter fleet. Performing the routine, day-to-day duties required in his job, Jet Stream learned the highways and back alleys of Empire City like the back of his hand in short order and learned to "jazz up" his job by performing aerial maneuvers in his copter, Air Raid, that stopped the hearts of his fellow officers as he buzzed under low bridges, around skyscrapers and twisted and turned Air Raid in ways never envisioned by its creators.

His knowledge of the city made Jet Stream a natural choice for the C.O.P.S. surveillance leader—no fleeing criminal can escape his pursuit.

Donny Brooks: HARDTOP

Hardtop is the youngest member of the C.O.P.S. unit; nevertheless, he's also the finest "armored assault vehicle" driver around, handling cumbersome tanks as if they were Firebirds.

His driving talent is his best-known trait; secondary is his remarkable lack of common sense. His lack of experience is a constant source of amusement to his partner, Longarm, who shares with the fearless youngster everything he knows. And while Hardtop could have his pick of any of a number of beautiful young ladies, most of his time is spent under the hood of his vintage '97 Corvette.

Stanley H. Bach: BARRICADE

Barricade, a transfer from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Department, is a crowd-control specialist whose greatest weapon is not the "Mule," the pneumatic prod that he wields, but is instead his skill at negotiation.

When Barricade isn't engaging in C.O.P.S. maneuvers, he's patroling the streets of Empire City and always takes the time to listen to the problems of those citizens he has sworn to protect. His raw dedication to the job is second to no one's.

Walker Calhoun: SUNDOWN

Sundown is a former Texas sheriff who brings his own crimefighting style and innovations to Empire City as a tracker and marksman supreme on the C.O.P.S. unit.

When Sundown was first transferred to Empire City, he resented the inconveniences of a modern megalopolis. While he will never feel at home there, he has learned to make the best of it, dispensing his own brand of justice in his own way. A loner, Sundown has a low-key personality and is a man of few words ... but when he talks, crooks listen.

Rex Pointer: BOWSER

Bowser is a martial-arts expert whose tough exterior conceals the sensitive man inside. A Chicago transfer, Bowser is rarely seen without his cybernetic K-9000 unit—better known as his dog, Blitz.

An easy-going officer, Bowser loves his job and his city—but his affection for his partner Blitz is what keeps him going in the face of the gravest danger. He would sooner sacrifice himself than his canine companion, who is equipped with a voice-command memory and responds to Bowser's every command.

David E. Harlson: SPEEDTRAP

Speedtrap comes courtesy of the California Highway Patrol, where he picked up his remarkable cycle trooper skills. Unlike his fellow C.O.P.S., Speedtrap was not drafted into service—he volunteered.

Speedtrap graduated from the Southern California Institute of Technology with highest honors in mechanical engineering, a skill that he applies day after day in his "backyard tinkering" with useless toys and devices—devices that, quite often, save the day for his fellow C.O.P.S. An amateur athlete in his spare time, Speedtrap is busy preparing for the upcoming Olympics, to be held in Empire City ... when he's not out chasing women (most of whom consider him to be cute, but a chauvinistic jerk).

Tina Cassidy: MAINFRAME

Mainframe comes from Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is the C.O.P.S. unit's expert in computer technology and criminal cryptography.

Though Mainframe began her police career as a simple computer programmer, she is second only to Vess in raw intelligence and, for the C.O.P.S. unit, applies her true talents in audio and video surveillance. Mainframe is mostly business and refuses to tolerate any macho posturing around the precinct. She does sometimes let down her hair ... though mostly for men in the Einstein [illegible].

Susie Young: MIRAGE

Mirage is a transferee from the San Francisco Police Department and a crack undercover agent and master of disguise.

Vess' personal protégé, Mirage works best with him though she prefers to act on her own for the most part. In her missions, she often employs The Emulator, an invention of Mainframe's that enables her to mimic any voice male or female, organic or machine. Coupled with her extensive knowledge of theatrical makeup techniques, this makes Mirage capable of imitating virtually any subject.

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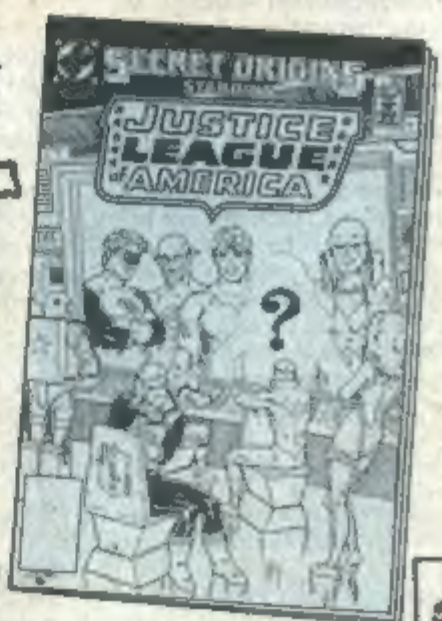

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